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There are enclosed copies of office actions or search reports in the corresponding European application EP 04 10 015.2 and Austrian application A283/2003, along with copies of the references cited therein and a PTO-1449 form listing all of the references which have been cited.

Since neither document is in the English language, the following English language summary are provided:

U.S. Patent 5,847,309 is cited in category X: of special significance taken alone with respect to examined claims 1 to 3

col. 6, line 34 to col. 7, line 7

FIGS. 5a, 5b

DE 39 18 408 is cited in category x with reference to
examined claims 1 to 3

col. 2, line 33 to line 61

col. 4, line 15 to line 18

FIG. 3

U.S. Patent 6,408,758 is cited in category x with respect
to examined claims 1 and 2

col. 4, line 4 to line 17

col. 4, line 53 to line 63

FIG. 2

U.S. Patent 3,753,403 is cited in category x with respect
to examined claims 1 and 2

col. 3, line 40 to line 67

FIG. 2

U.S. Patent 5,179,248 is cited in category x with respect
to examined claim 1

col. 2, line 26 to line 57

FIG. 2

In the Austrian Office Action DE 37 02 241 C1 is cited, especially as to FIG. 2 as allegedly anticipating all of the features of claims 1 and 2 while DE 196 29 009 (see especially FIG. 5a) is indicated as anticipating the significant features of the invention in claims 1 and 3.

Consideration of the references supplied is requested.

No certification or IDS consideration fee is required since the IDS is filed prior to the initial office action on the merits.

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